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STRIKE CALLED OFF IF EIGHT-HOUR DAY LAW IS PASSED

Greece on Verge of Entering War

BALKAN ARENA IS CHANGING FAST AS NEW FACTORS RISE

Reported Rumania Has Invaded Bulgaria and Occupied Town of Rustchuk

RUSSIANS MOVING DOWN TO ATTACK THE BULGARS

Germans Get French Trenches on West But are Soon Ejected, Says Paris

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
ATHENS, Greece, Aug. 31.—Developments here in diplomatic circles indicate that Greece will abandon her policy of neutrality within 48 hours.

Staff officers who have been on leave have been recalled to their commands. The armies are being made ready for action and in diplomatic circles the king, ministry and resident ministers are exceedingly active.

If Greece abandons the neutrality which already has been technically violated, it will be cast her lot with the Allies in a military sense. The Allies are now using Greece frankly for military purposes.

RUMANIANS REPORTED AS TAKING RUSTCHUK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
PARIS, France, Aug. 31.—It is reported here by despatches from the Balkans that the Rumanians have occupied the town of Rustchuk, Bulgaria. Rustchuk is just across the Danube from Rumanian soil and easily reached from several of the Rumanian railroad centers.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS ARE HURRIED UPON BULGARIA

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
BUCHAREST, Rumania, Aug. 31.—From their camps and lines in the north, hordes of Russian soldiers are now being carried through Rumania on troop trains to strike at Bulgaria and Turkey on the new Balkan line created when Rumania joined the Allies.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN PROGRESS IN BALKANS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, Eng., Aug. 31.—Severe fighting is in progress on the Macedonian front, where the Anglo-French troops from Saloniki, the newly organized Serbian army and some Russian and Albanian are assailing the Bulgarians and Germans. An Athens despatch says that the offensive of the Bulgarians below Monastir has been checked by the Serbians, who are out on the left flank of the Entente line. The Bulgarian losses for the last few days in the fighting here are estimated at 15,000.

BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR AUGUST ARE VERY HEAVY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, Eng., Aug. 31.—Announcement of British casualties made today by the war office gives the total of killed, wounded and missing British in August as 4711 officers and 123,354 men.

GERMAN SUCCESS AT PARROT SHORT-LIVED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
PARIS, France, Aug. 31.—The Germans today by hard attacks on the west penetrated the French trenches in Farroy forest, Lorraine, but were ejected by counter attacks.

JAPANESE WILL JOIN STRIKE IN CALIFORNIA

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 30.—The American labor unions which declared for a great railroad strike on September 4, have been negotiating with Japanese laborers who are working in the employ of railroad companies to join the strike and have succeeded. Japanese laborers are now compelled to join the strikers.

ROMANIAN PREMIER WON OVER TO ALLIES



Jan Bratianu (Bratiano), who is credited with having persuaded King Ferdinand I it was time for Rumania to join the Entente Powers.

LOCAL CONCERNS FURNISH BULLETS FOR RUSS ARMY

Thieves Take Lead Facings From Buildings and Sell to Ammunition Dealers

Honolulu thieves are following the war game, it is said. During the past week a number of reports have been received from leading business houses stating that lead facings had been stolen off the buildings. It is claimed these facings are being sent to Japan by junk dealers for the manufacture of ammunition.

Among the buildings which have been stripped of the lead facings are the Hackfeld Company, Y. W. C. A., Lewers & Cooke, the Kawaiahao church and others. Thieves climbed up a ladder on the Y. W. C. A. building and stripped the entire building of all the lead. The same thing was done in a number of other cases.

Junk dealers around the city have been warned not to purchase any of the lead metal and a thorough investigation is being made. Inasmuch as the price of lead has greatly increased since the beginning of the war, the thieves have made a big profit. It is rumored that this metal is being melted and shipped to Japan for use in making ammunition for the Russian soldiers.

New cases are being reported every day and a number of the business houses have placed a watchman in their buildings to prevent the thieves from taking away what is now acknowledged to be precious metal.

SAYS JAPANESE FIRED FIRST ON CHINESE TROOPS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
PEKING, China, Aug. 31.—Replying to inquiries concerning the clash of Chinese and Japanese troops at Cheng Chiatun, Mongolia, the premier said today that the Japanese had fired first.

FAIRBANKS NOTIFIED; LET THE FIGHT BEGIN

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 31.—The formal ceremonies of notifying Charles Warren Fairbanks that he is the Republican nominee for vice-president occurred today at the Fairbanks' home, the notification being made on the lawn of the mansion. Senator L. Y. Sherman of Illinois came to Indianapolis at the head of a committee of prominent men and made the notification address.

SHERIFF ESCAPES MOB AND SAVES PRISONER

LIMA, Ohio, Aug. 31.—James Eley, sheriff, escaped from the mob here today and at the same time saved his negro prisoner from lynching. The crowd, which had beaten the sheriff until he consented to lead it to the place where he hid the prisoner accused of assault, was finally persuaded to let the law take its course, and the negro has been conveyed to jail at Toledo.

SHIPPING BILL WILL BE GREAT HELP TO HAWAII

Maritime Houses and Importers are Alike Pleased at News of Measure's Passage

PACIFIC MAIL SHIPS ARE MOST AFFECTED

Freight Congestion Likely to End and Accommodations Come for Passengers

Shipping men and importers in Honolulu today are wearing the smile that will not come off, the reason being that it now looks very favorable for the shipping bill, which permits all vessels registered under the American flag to enter the coastwise trade, becoming a law.

At present if the law does go into effect, it will affect principally the Pacific Mail steamers—Ecuador, Venezuela and Colombia—which have recently been purchased from the Dutch Royal Mail Steamship Company and placed under the American flag, as these steamers may then carry passengers and freight between Honolulu and San Francisco. There are, however, a large number of foreign built tramp steamers which since the war have come under American registry and these will be able to carry freight from here to coast ports.

The great advantage, according to many shipping men, is the increased passenger accommodations which will result and are badly needed. As Fred L. Waldron said today: "If there was only one steamer running to the islands she would probably seldom carry passengers, but the more vessels that are on the run the more it will be an inducement for people to come here."

With more vessels running between the islands and coast ports, there is also less chance for a shortage of supplies and, as one shipper pointed out, it will undoubtedly bring many more steamers here that otherwise would never come, for nearly all of the large shipping firms on the coast own foreign built ships, and with the increase of coastwise shipping between mainland ports Hawaii is bound to benefit.

Promotion Committee Pleased

"The passage of the shipping bill will mean that tourist travel will be stimulated," said A. P. Taylor, secretary of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, today. "It means that the newly acquired Pacific Mail boats, the

CLAIMS HE WAS STRIPPED WHEN GIVEN WHIPPING

Boy From Industrial School Shows Marks on Body and Says Beaten

Showing the marks which he claimed he received in a beating by officials at the Waialeale Industrial school because he had broken orders and gone to swim in a pond near the farm, Joe Phillips, a runaway from the institution, was brought to the juvenile court yesterday afternoon by his married sister with the request that he be given a parole.

Young Phillips was sent back to the reformatory by Judge C. W. Ashford, acting now in the juvenile court. The judge said today that he has no authority to grant a boy freedom from the school, that this is in the hands of the industrial school board of which the juvenile judge is a member.

"The boy showed the marks of some very vigorous handling," said Judge Ashford today, "and had other marks which were fainter and which he claimed were from a previous strapping. He said he had been stripped, tied up, and then strapped. He admitted to me that he knew it was contrary to the rules of the school to swim in this pond, but said that he had tried to get into the bath room, had found it locked and so chose the other place as he was in a condition which called loudly for cleanliness."

He confessed that the former strapping was for repeated violation of the order against smoking," continued the judge. This was his second escape from the school. I understand that the application of his sister for a parole had been passed on by the committee and was apparently ready to be granted by the industrial school board when it should hold a meeting."

Senator Newlands at Work To Pass 8-hour Day Law



Senator Francis G. Newlands of Nevada, chairman of the senate committee on interstate commerce, who is working with the president to pass the proposed eight-hour day law by Saturday night and thus persuade the brotherhood leaders to rescind the strike order.

LIVESTOCK RATE MEANS RAISE OF DOLLAR A HEAD

Inter-Island's New Tariff is Increases of 99 Cents on Cattle Below 600 Lbs.

That the reason the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company has raised its freight rates on transportation of livestock from Hawaii to Honolulu is so that it can partly make up the loss it now sustains on special trips to get cattle, was stated this morning by Vice-President J. L. McLean of the corporation, giving the company's side of the case relative to the protest made to the public utilities commission against the new tariff, due to go into effect tomorrow, by Alfred W. Carter, manager and trustee of the Parker ranch. The commission is meeting this afternoon to decide whether to let the raise go into effect.

The new rate practically increases the freight charge on livestock shipped from Kawaihae, the Parker ranch shipping port on the Big Island, by about a dollar a head. The new rate is 1 cent per pound, dressed weight, for all cattle and calves.

How this is a raise over the old tariff is shown by the charges on this commodity under the old sliding scale, which has been as follows:

From Kawaihae to Honolulu, in shipments of 75 head or more, 600 pounds or over, dressed weight, 1 cent a pound; 500 to 699 pounds, dressed weight, \$5 a head; 400 to 499 pounds, \$4 a head; 251 to 399 pounds, \$3.50 per head.

In other words, freight charges on a steer weighing 699 pounds will under the new freight tariff be \$5.99, against the \$5 charged by the old rate. An animal weighing 499 pounds will cost \$4.99 in freight, against \$4, the present charge, and so on down the line, although for the heaviest animals, 600 pounds or above, the new rate is no higher. The cattle are brought here alive and the dressed weight obtained from the slaughterers in this city.

Special Trips Costly

What Manager Carter is protesting about most strenuously, the Inter-Island believes, is the clause in the new freight tariff which provides that irregular steamers, boats not running on a regular schedule, will not be sent to pick up shipments of less than 75 head of cattle, unless a special charge of \$1 a head, in addition to the cent a pound charge, is paid. The Parker ranch now ships an average of 75 head to a trip, making about 300 cattle shipped a month.

"On the old basis we have lost money steadily on these special trips to pick up cattle," said McLean, "and our new rate is designed to help us make up that loss." He added that the Parker ranch ships most of its livestock on boats calling regularly at Kawaihae, but that the ranch has frequently had the company make special trips to pick up cattle.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Today.	Yester.
Alaska Gold	13	12 1/2
American Smelter	98 1/2	98 1/2
American Sugar Rfg.	110	109 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	130 1/2	130 1/2
Anaconda Copper	84 1/2	84 1/2
Atchafalpa	103	102 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	78 1/2	78 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	86	84 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	48 1/2	48 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	19	18 1/2
Canadian Pacific	178	177 1/2
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	95	93
Colo. Fuel & Iron	48 1/2	48 1/2
Crucible Steel	75 1/2	74 1/2
Erie Common	37	36 1/2
General Electric	170	169 1/2
General Motors	57 1/2	57 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	117	116 1/2
Inter. Harv. N. J.	114	114
Kennecott Copper	49 1/2	48 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	78	78 1/2
New York Central	103	102 1/2
Pennsylvania	55 1/2	55 1/2
Ray Condon	25	24 1/2
Southern Pacific	97 1/2	97 1/2
Studebaker	123 1/2	124 1/2
Tennessee Copper	25	24 1/2
Union Pacific	140 1/2	140 1/2
U. S. Steel	97 1/2	98 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	117 1/2	117 1/2
Utah	83 1/2	81 1/2
Western Union	94	94 1/2
Westinghouse	59 1/2	58 1/2

DECEMBER 30 RATE ADVANCES TAKE EFFECT

That the transcontinental advance in freight rates ordered by the Interstate railroad commission has been suspended until December 30 is now assured, regardless of wire reports received Wednesday to the effect that the suspension was only to September 30, was received today in further messages from the coast.

In an early edition yesterday the Star-Bulletin had a story announcing that the increase had been suspended until December 30, the news being received in a wireless to H. E. Vernon, Santa Fe agent, and today H. Hackfeld & Company and Raymond C. Brown, secretary of the chamber of commerce, have received notices to the same effect.

That September 30 was altogether too short a time for I. C. C. to hear argument was pointed out by Vernon and he substantiated this statement by showing reports of former suspensions in all cases the time of suspension being four months, the same as in this case.

"THINGS ARE MOVING," SAYS PRESIDENT WITH SMILE AFTER LONG CONFERENCE IN CAPITOL

Enactment of Legislation by Saturday Night Now Hoped to Avert Great Rail Tie-Up

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 31.—Definite hope that the nationwide railroad strike will be averted came today when a compromise was suggested which will be feasible if Congress decides to act at once.

If Congress will pass a law for a compulsory eight-hour day in railroad employment, the strike order will be rescinded, say leaders of the brotherhoods.

After many conferences, yesterday afternoon, last night and this morning, most of the congressional leaders agree that the necessary legislation can be passed and most of them favor it under the circumstances.

If it is enacted by Saturday night, the brotherhood representatives say there will be sufficient justification for calling off the strike. According to the vote of the 400,000 railway men and the strike order as sent out by their central committee, the men are to quit work at 7 o'clock Monday morning unless there is a favorable settlement of the controversy. The labor leaders say that the enactment of an eight-hour day law will be in the nature of such favorable settlement.

This prospect is the main source for optimism freely expressed today that the threatened great tie-up of railroads will not occur.

President Wilson held several conferences this morning, first at the executive offices in the White House and later at the Capitol itself. Here he saw house and senate Democratic leaders.

Leaving the capitol, he was plainly jubilant and expressed his hopes to the reporters who clustered about him as he emerged.

"I have just been keeping in touch with things to see that they keep moving, and they are moving," he declared. His face beamed in a broad smile and it was evident that he is very optimistic as to the outcome.

The statement of the brotherhood leaders that if the eight-hour day law is passed, the strike order will be rescinded, led the president to redouble his efforts to have the measure passed. He is throwing all the weight of his influence with the congressional leaders.

No statement was made today by the railroad executives as to their attitude if the legislation is enacted, though they are known to be determined against the shorter day, unless freight rates are assured of an advance.

Santa Fe Line Hopes To Keep at Least One Train Going Each Way

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 31.—"Blind arrogance" on the part of the leaders of the railroad brotherhoods, who "refused all arbitration," is the cause of the present situation which threatens a tie-up of all of the important railroads of the country, according to a statement issued last night by Edward Payson Ripley, president of the Santa Fe system. He has notified employees of the Santa Fe lines that they will lose their places unless they report for work Monday morning as usual.

Mr. Ripley, in common with other railroad executives here, declares that he sees little or no hope of averting the threatening strike of more than 400,000 members of the brotherhoods, although he believes that many of the employees of the lines will remain loyal to their jobs and their employers.

Will Lose All Benefits

In his formal statement Mr. Ripley warned the employees of his lines that should they go on strike they will lose their seniority rights and such pension benefits as they might have due them at this time. He points out that employees who leave will not have the same standing with the company, even should they return to work at the conclusion of the strike.

The Santa Fe president said he hoped to be able to keep at least one passenger train on each run each way, and that he will give preference to perishable freight.

Grain Market Breaks Sharply

The wheat and grain market felt the effect of the threatened strike yesterday and wheat broke sharply, dropping several points in the pit before checking.

This city, the center of the grain and meat markets of the country, is acutely affected by the menace of the strike. Big packers and grain shippers united yesterday in declaring that unless the walkout of the men is prevented the country faces a starvation period. There is a certainty of a shortage of meat throughout the entire country, said the packers.

Fruit Growers Will Lose Heavily

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 31.—Fruit growers will be the chief losers in the event of a strike.

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RESIGNATION OF PREMIER IS ONCE MORE FORECAST

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)
TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 30.—It is reported that Premier Okuma has decided to resign from his present post after the new political party, of which he will be the leader, is formally organized, and will recommend Ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs K. Kato to the emperor for his successor as new premier.

FIGURES SHOW WHAT BIG R. R. STRIKE WOULD MEAN

Number of men involved in eight-hour demand	400,000
Total number of employees affected	2,000,000
Number of employees' dependents affected (estimated)	8,000,000
Mileage of railroads involved	257,211
Number of stockholders in roads	626,122
Par value of capital stock of railroads involved	\$5,638,234,982
Amount roads say it would cost to grant demands	\$100,000,000
Amount men say it would cost	\$25,000,000
